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In re Application of:

Ton et al.

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PHYTOMONITORING

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

This is a summary of a telephone interview with the Examiner regarding the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action of August 13, 2003, to the abovementioned patent application, which interview took place on December 9, 2003. Present in the interview were the Examiner, NGUYEN Son T., Mr. Sol Sheinbein, Dr. Gal Ehrlich and Dr. David Mencher.

In the course of the interview, claims rejections on the basis of USC 102 and USC 103 were discussed. Dr. Ehrlich pointed out that the limitations of claims 2 and 20 may have been mistakenly interpreted, and thus erroneously examined under unsuitable criteria. In particular Dr. Ehrlich stated that the language "an additional plant derived parameter" should have been interpreted as an additional parameter and not as an additional plant, as was interpreted by the Examiner. It was concluded that

independent claims 1, 15, 29 and 42 would be redrafted including the limitations of claims 2, 20, 30 and 47, respectively, and submitted for examination after final rejection.

Respectfully submitted,


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